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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN VIEWS ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

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1. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF AUGUST 31,
NORWEGIAN EMBASSY CHARGE SVERRE AND COUNSELOR VIKBERG
RAISED NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN CBM'S, POINTING TO
IMPORTANCE OF SUCH MEASURES, IN GON VIEW, TO SUCCESS OF
CSCE. NORWEGIAN OPINION, THEY SAID, IS KEENLY AWARE OF
PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBERS OF SOVIET FORCES NEAR USSR-
NORWEGIAN BORDER, AND WOULD WISH CBM'S TO EXTEND TO
THESE AND OTHER FORCES CLOSE TO NATIONAL BORDERS IN

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SOME MANNER.

2. BASED ON FOREGOING, GON ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS, AS WELL AS MANEUVERS, AND BELIEVES ALLIES SHOULD SEEK INCLUSION OF EVEN BROADER MEASURES THAN THOSE ENVISAGED THUS FAR IN ALLIED DISCUSSION OF CBM'S. FURTHER, AS A RESULT OF GON CONCERN ABOUT THE POSITION OF NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED STATES, WHICH ARE NOT REPRESENTED IN MBFR, GON BELIEVES THEIR INTERESTS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN CBM'S. THIS WOULD NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT GON WOULD INITIATE DEBATE ON CSCE DECLARATION ON MBFR.

2. DEPTOFF REVIEWED CURRENT US POSITION ON CBM'S, INCLUDING THAT

(A) THE ALLIES SHOULD DEVELOP AND TABLE IN CSCE A LIST OF ILLUSTRATIVE MANEUVERS;

(B) ALLIES SHOULD NOT SEEK CSCE AGREEMENT ON CRITERIA, BUT ALLOW ILLUSTRATIVE MANEUVERS TO EXEMPLIFY PARAMETERS OF EXERCISES TO BE PRE-ANNOUNCED;

(C) CBM'S SHOULD NOT BE OBLIGATORY;

(D) US DOES NOT FAVOR PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOVEMENTS, BECAUSE IT WOULD RESTRICT ALLIED FLEXIBILITY AND COULD IMPINGE ON MBFR CONSTRAINTS.

3. NORWEGIAN EMBOFFS NOTED US VIEWS, BUT DOUBTED THEY WOULD SATISFY GON DESIDERATA.

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